

expressly noted otherwise, Applicant declines to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the claim rejections, and timely allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conversation might advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at 202-408-4252.

If there are any fees due in connection with this submission, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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